

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday June 03, 2024, at 6pm
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President John Torma **called to order** this Regular Meeting of East Liverpool City Council at 6:00PM.

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk read aloud the **call of the roll** and was recorded as follows:

First Ward Council member Tom Beagle:	present
Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl:	present
Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer:	present
Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett:	present
Council member At-Large Brian Kerr:	present
Council Member At-Large John Mercer:	present
Council member At-Large Thomas Clark:	present

PRAYER AND PLEDGE:

Council member Kreefer led the **Prayer and Pledge**.

MINUTES-CORRECT:

Council President John Torma **entertained a motion to accept the minutes** from the Regular meeting of May 05, 2024, as there were no additions or corrections. **Moved** by Council member Kreefer and **Seconded** by Council member Barrett, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Council President John Torma **entertained a motion that Personal Privilege be granted**. **Moved** by Council member Kreefer and **Seconded** by Council member Barrett, the call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Mr. Kerr: yes

Motion carried 7-0.

Tracy Hyatt, 229 Thompson Avenue, representing the Thompson Hill Gang, updated members with the committee's business.

Chuck Bailey, owner of True North, gave council an update in reference to moving his business to the old Boss building on Fifth Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:

There were no Communications or Petitions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee: Brian Kerr, Chair of the Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee reported the committee met in joint session with the Safety and Rules committee and the Streets/Lands and Buildings committee to discuss the storm water flooding of residents off outer St. Clair Avenue.

Mr. Kerr also reported the committee would be drawing up a letter to seek financing to fix the flooding problem and will hold it's next meeting accordingly.

License and Economic Development Committee: John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee reported the committee met on May 15, 2024, at 6pm with nothing new to report and advised the committee would not be meeting in June.

Recreation and Ordinance Committee: Thomas Clark, Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee made no report, but did advise members he had been contacted by some individuals who want to donate some equipment for the playgrounds.

Streets / Lands and Buildings Committee: Scott Barrett, Chair of the Streets / Lands and Buildings Committee reported the committee met in joint session with Mr. Kerr and Mr. Kreefer's committees with nothing new to report.

Safety and Rules Committee: Jeffrey Kreefer, Chair of the Safety / Rules Committee advised he had drawn up a letter to seek funding for the flooding problem on outer St. Clair Avenue and would be passing it on to Mr. Kerr.

Finance and Labor Committee: C. Fred Rayl, Chair of the Finance / Labor Committee reported the committee met at 3pm Tuesday May 28, 2024, in chambers with members Kreefer and Rayl in attendance with Mr. Kerr being excused.

The committee was asked to consider following three pieces of legislation to pass on to the full council.

1. **An ordinance to make Premier Bank the city’s depository**
2. **An ordinance to adjust the budget ordinance**
3. **An ordinance authoring the execution of the CRA for True North**

The meeting adjourned at 3:25pm with the next meeting of the committee is called for 3pm Tuesday June 25, 2024, in chambers.

Mr. Rayl then reported the committee met in Special Session at 5:45pm just prior to this regular meeting of council to consider the following two proposals to pass on to the full council.

1. **A resolution requesting the county auditor to certify certain valuation information.**
2. **An ordinance authorizing the mayor to to enter into the FY 2024 community housing impact and preservation partnership agreement with Columbiana County.**

With that, Mr. Rayl **made motion for a seven-day waiver** for both proposals and was **seconded** by Mr. Kerr. The call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

Planning and Expansion Committee: Tom Beagle, Chair of the Planning and Expansion Committee made no report but did allow that Scout Solar is back in town and moving foreword with their projects.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHIEF OF POLICE: Police Chief John Lane made no report.

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief Cumo made no report.

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Utilities Director Paul McCarthy was not present.

STREET SUPERINTENDENT: Street Superintendent Dan Galeoti was not present.

HOUSING INSPECTOR: Housing Inspector was not present.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: City Planning Director William Cowan was not present.

OFFICE OF THE LAW DIRECTOR: Law Director Charles Payne made no report.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR: City Auditor Marilyn Bosco made no report.

OFFICE OF INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT: Tax Commissioner Sharon Williams was not present.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Deborah Fickes was not present.

OFFICE OF SERVICE / SAFETY: Service / Safety Director William Jones reported the storm water project in front of Andys Tires on Walnut Street has begun today, reported that workman's comp has been satisfied and there are no longer any violations, and reported volunteers have been out painting fire hydrants around town and thanked Emery Wright for his work, thanked Mr. Bailey for taking a chance on East Liverpool and reported that the city had been turned down for a salt dome grant.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Robert Smith thanked Bill Jones for all his hard work, thanked the Thompson Hill gang for it's work, thanked Mr. Kreefer for all he does around the city. Reported the Thompson Park Pool will open on time. Hoped the cemetery levy passes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

LEGISLATION:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY CERTAIN TAX VALUATION INFORMATION IN ANTICIPATION OF LEVYING A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION UNDER SECTION 5705.03(B) AND R.C. SECTION 5705.19(T) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Clark, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Barrett, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Clark, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Resolution Number 09, 2024, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PREMIER BANK TO BE THE CITY’S DEPOSITORY FOR ACTIVE, INACTIVE AND INTERIM FUNDS BELONGING TO SAID CITY AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Clark, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Barrett, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 28, 2024, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET ORDINANCE NUMBER 10, 2024 BY ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Barrett, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Clark, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 29, 2024, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH TRUE NORTH ELO LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH TRUE NORTH LLC, 119 E 5TH STREET, EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO 43920 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Barrett, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Clark, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 30, 2024, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO TO ENTER INTO THE FY 2024 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIANA COUNTY, CITY OF SALEM, AND THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Barrett, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Clark, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 31, 2024, duly passed as read.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr commented on the changes around the city.

At-Large Council member John Mercer thanked everyone coming to the meeting.

At-Large Council member Thomas Clark thanked everyone for their input.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett agreed with Mr. Kerr.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer made no comment.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl thanked True North for their investment in the city.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle made no comment.

Council President John Torma thanked True North for investing in the city and thanked the Thompson Hill Gang for what they are doing in their neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council President Torma **entertained a motion to Adjourn. Motion** was made by Council member Beagle.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK

JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

